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BOX RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Re: RESTRAINING GASKET FOR MECHANICAL
JOINTS OF PIPES**

Applicant: Holmes, M.
Application No.: 09/590,586
Filed: June 8, 2000
Art Unit: 3613

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Office Action for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant hereby requests an extension of one month, for which a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. If further extensions are required, they are hereby requested and payment may be charged against deposit account 50-0954.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. A Certificate of Mailing and Authorization to charge deposit account are affixed to the Office Action directly.

Very truly yours,

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